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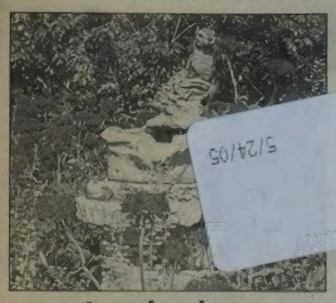

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Summer readers go touring

Elk Point Public Library's summer reading program participants took a break from the books last Thursday and took a road trip to Stoney Lake Municipal Recreation Area for an afternoon of fun and games. Program coordinator Roseann Magdiak joined some of the gang as they explored the Stoney Lake stagecoach. PHOTO BY VICKI BROOKER

Quilt show will once again highlight the Elk Point Fair

BY VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The countdown has begun for the members of the Elk Point and District Agricultural Society Fair Board, as they gear up for Fair 2004, August 14 and 15 in the A. G. Ross Arena.

Former Fair Board chair Verona Lea Flanders now concentrates her efforts on the quilt show, which over the past few years has become an integral feature of the event. She is busy tracking down quilters and collectors who may have quilts they would like to display.

"We still have room for more," Flanders says, noting that both old and new quilts are being shown. "We're not particular about the condition of the quilts," she emphasizes. "If a quilt has been used for 50 years, it's going to look like it."

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- Quilt show coordinator Verona Lea Flanders

The show welcomes both fancy patterns and utility quilts, and Flanders says the latter often catch the eye of quilt lovers. "Quilts made out of old shirts," for instance, "are more interesting to me. They're fun to have."

Anyone who has a quilt they would like to add to the show may phone Flanders at 724-2269, and leave a message.

Something new has been added to the quilt show this year, Flanders says. Viewers will be able to vote for their favorites in both large and small item categories, with owners of the quilts receiving the most votes qualifying for a pair of viewers' choice awards.

The quilt show is open to the public on Sunday, August 15 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The quilts share the arena with one of the largest bench shows in the area, which now has Donna Bassett heading the organizing committee

Fair prize lists offer a total of 622 categories in which to enter baking, sewing, photography, fresh fruit, canning, house plants, flowers, knitting, crocheting and weaving, vegetables, arts, crafts and hobbies, grains and hay and creative writing, with special sections for juniors 16 and under and seniors 60 and over. The lists may be picked up at the Tourist Information Centre, the Elk Point Review and several local businesses.

Exhibits will be accepted from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m on Saturday, August 14, with judging later that afternoon. No entries will be accepted before or after that time period.

Exhibits will be open to public viewing on Sunday, August 15 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., with prizes donated by a number of local businesses and individuals awarded at 4:00 p.m. to the grand aggregate winners and section winners.

Reeve reports from provincial drought committee

BY MICHELLE HULEY
St. Paul Journal Staff

St. Paul agricultural producers aren't alone in their struggles, or their frustration, county councillors heard last week.

County of St. Paul Reeve Robert Bouchard reported to fellow councillors at the municipality's July 27 meeting on the provincial drought committee's July meeting.

"We talked about crop conditions and precipitation," said Bouchard, who represents the Association of Alberta Municipal Districts and County's zone 8 municipalities on the committee chaired by provincial agriculture minister Shirley McLellan.

"Up north in the Peace area they have a severe drought. Producers there are really, really struggling. So, I guess we're quite fortunate. Even there, a lot of guys still need the precipitation."

Councillor Frank Sloan agreed, but added that many of them are now getting that needed moisture.

"But the hay's not good. It's only this high," said councillor Don Mudryk, gesturing a short distance above the council table. "They're not going to get many bales."

"That's mostly because of the frost. The alfalfa froze about four times," Bouchard added.

The drought, however, wasn't the only topic on the agenda, he stressed.

"As municipalities, we're getting extremely frustrated. We're not at the table," he said of the concerns expressed by municipalities at the meeting. "The beef producers are not speaking as much for the smaller producers, the cow calf guys. They're speaking more for the packing plants, the slaughter houses. There should be a representative from AAMD and C at the table, a view from the grassroots people out here."

"With all the money put out there, the producers didn't get much," Mudryk said. "There's no answers, no input (from rural municipalities). We don't know what's going on."

"I really wonder if we should declare a disaster," councillor. Allen Young commented.

"There's a lot of talk there's supposed to be a fair bit of production coming on line, but not for another 10 months. There's a market for our beef," said Bouchard. "But this is a very slow boat. It's very frustrating."

Sloan stressed the now recognized need for increased production capacity wasn't the case previously. "I guess we had to wait for that year to see the border wasn't going to open."

Community Support donations

Doug Bassett of B & R Eckels recently boosted the Elk Point Firefighters Association Community Support Vehicle fund with a $1,000 donation, which he presented to Firefighters' president Jonny Nielsen. Another major donation came from Canadian Salt, who presented $2,500 toward the much needed vehicle. Sorry, no photo available.

Help from the oil industry came from Rockwell Servicing. Kevin Rudell presesented the $200 cheque to Jonny Nielsen. The Firefighters Association is off to a good start, but need many more donations to make the new community support vehicle a reality. Contact any Elk Point firefighter for more details.

Advance poll date set for County election

By Michelle Huley
St. Paul Journal Staff

Things are beginning to fall into place as local officials begin preparing for this fall's municipal elections.

Returning officer Louise Plante spoke to County of St. Paul council at its July 17 meeting to begin planning for the fall date.

County ratepayers can begin voting as early as Oct. 9, which is when an advance poll will be held. Council approved a resolution to hold the advance poll on that day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., after hearing a recommendation from Plante.

She said the advance poll has traditionally been held on the Thanksgiving weekend, which provides an opportunity for ratepayers who return to the area for the holiday to vote.

Council also approved a resolution to set fees for voting stations, which will receive $100, the presiding deputy returning officer, $150, deputy returning officers, $100 and mileage at 40 cents per kilometre.

Municipal elections will be held this year on Oct. 8.

Plante told council some of the smaller voting stations may be closed this year. "Some could close," she said. "We have too many.

"I know in the past, some votes have cost us $10 a vote at some of the smaller polling stations."

Stations being considered for closure include Ferguson Flats Hall, Stoney Lake Hall, Boscombe, Owlseye, Boyne Lake Hall and McRae recreation Centre.

Nomination day is Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon at the county office. Nomination forms can be picked up at the county office or from Plante, who can be contacted by calling 645-3432.

Who's running again?

Who: Reeve Robert Bouchard — Yes
Division: 5
Terms on council: Nine
2001 election results: acclaimed

Who: Allen Young — No
Division: 1
Terms on council: Three
2001 election results: Incumbent Allen Young, 132; Johnny Lypowy, 80; George E. Sanders, 99.

Who: Sharil Baumgardner — Yes
Division: 2
Terms on council: one
2001 election results: Baumgardner, 134; Micheal Chubey, 59; Tom Kurek, 33; Remi Tremblay, 86

Who: Don Mudryk — Yes
Division: 3
Terms on council: Two
2001 election results: Mudryk, 293; Gerald Krankowski, 267.

Who: Mike Bergeron
Division: 4
Terms on council:
2001 election results: Bergeron, 204; Maxine Fodness, 178

Who: Frank Sloan - Yes
Division: 6
Terms on council: two and a half (by election)
2001 election results: Sloan, 269; Linette Newby, 165

Who: open
Division: 7
Terms on council:
2001 election results: Walter Kaprowski acclaimed

New plant put in motion for Alberta cattle

By Andrew Smith
St. Paul Journal Staff

Directors and producers from across Alberta gathered at Westcove Park last week for the annual Alberta Beef Producers directors' meeting.

"For me, this is one of the highlights of the industry, getting to meet local producers," said Arno Durkson, ABP Chairman.

Durkson admitted the stress of the past year hasn't left enough time to hear farmers' concerns. He began the meeting by providing background to the current situation.

No live cattle have been allowed across the U.S.-Canada border since May 20, 2003. Meat going across into the U.S. is currently limited to boneless beef. The U.S.D.A. is working on a rule for importing live cattle, which then needs to go to the White House before it is made law.

"The frustration is warranted, not only for producers, but also for the political reasons when trying to work with the U.S.," Durkson said.

He had no guarantee for a short time frame, and admitted the process could be hindered by the presidential election in September. On this side of the border, Durkson applauded the Alberta government for their support in the BSE crisis.

"It was the Alberta government that led in many situations to get through this," Durkson said.

MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul constituency Ray Danyluk was at the meeting, and acknowledged the provincial government is working very closely with the ABP to find a workable solution. "Any initiative that comes forward will be in association with [the ABP]," Danyluk said.

Danyluk pressed Durkson for an immediate solution, as the border will remained closed for the near future. A plan for a set-aside program was announced, which would limit the supply of beef to the market, and possibly drive up the price. With processing plants working at full capac-

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August 3, 2004 — **Dennis Bergheim**
Agricultural Fieldman

Hunger in the Land of Plenty

Close to one in 10 people in Canada do not have enough food for themselves, families

By Linda Fox
Registered Dietitian, Elk Point Health Centre

Close to one in 10 people in Canada do not have enough food to eat. That's hard to believe, isn't it, since the world produces enough food to feed everyone. So, what's the problem?

A 1992 study in Edmonton found that the main cause of hunger is poverty - not waste, not laziness, not mismanagement. It is people not having enough money to buy food for themselves and their families. Yet studies done by the FAO (Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations) indicate that the single most effective way to reduce poverty is to reduce hunger. Poverty causes hunger, hunger causes poverty.

Hunger "undermines the peace and prosperity of nations and traps individuals in a vicious cycle of poor nutrition, ill health and diminished capacity for learning and work that is passed on from one generation to the next." Hunger not only kills people (every 3.6 seconds, someone dies from hunger) but it also takes away the ability to work and learn. Hungry children have difficulty learning and attend school less. They can develop and experience behaviour problems. They are more likely to be involved with the legal system or in high-risk situations, are more likely to get sick and develop chronic diseases later in life.

Who is at increased risk of poverty and hunger?

- Young families headed by an individual under age 25
- Unattached women
- Unattached men
- Aboriginal people
- People living with a disability
- New immigrants
- People working in low paying (or minimum wage) jobs
- The unemployed
- People on social assistance programs
- Low income people living in areas with high housing costs

When these and other situations that limit a family's ability to buy food prevail, a community experiences food insecurity.

On the other hand, a community enjoys food security when all people, at all times, have access to nutritious, safe, personally acceptable and culturally appropriate foods obtained through normal distribution channels (not food banks).

Food security depends upon:

- Having enough money to last the month
- Having the skills to get a good paying job
- Having the skills to buy and prepare food
- Having the skills to grow one's own food.
- Having local, good paying jobs available.

Realistically we know that many changes have to take place before a community can be truly food secure.

In the meantime, many families struggle to pay the rent and utilities, and have enough food for their family, especially during months involving extra costs, eg. new school year in September. Food banks, soup kitchens, school feeding programs, community kitchens, community gardens and buying clubs have sprung up in communities throughout Canada to alleviate the situation.

The first official Canadian food bank opened in Edmonton in 1982 as a temporary stop-gap measure. There are now over 2000 food banks serving Canadians. Sadly, four out of ten food bank users are children.

Food banks provide emergency food, which is variable in both quantity and quality, and the choice is limited. This food aid relieves hunger but does not build food security. However, it may help the family through this month, to give them a better chance next month.

So, how can we help? We can begin by helping to meet the emergency food needs of people in this community. Food banks across the country are struggling to meet current needs. Donations to the St. Paul and County Food Bank will help to meet the needs of our local community. Non-perishable food items are now being accepted at the Elk Point FCSS office for delivery to the St. Paul and County Food Bank.

For more information call Linda Fox, RD at the Elk Point Health Centre, 724-6327.

Table taken from yard

By Cst. Dalyn Orsten
RCMP Elk Point

Overnight on Friday, July 23, a Little Tykes children's picnic table was stolen from a back yard on 48 Street near 51 Avenue in the town of Elk Point. The picnic table is pink, orange and purple in color.

If anyone has any information regarding this crime or any other crime, they are urged to contact the RCMP at 780-724-3964 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers will pay up to $2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

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August is saskatoon pie time at the Forts

By Brent Kossey
Fort George and Buckingham House Historic Site

It has been another busy summer down at the forts this year. We were pleased to see the return of the Fort George model and have had tourists from as far away as Germany, Japan and Australia, jut to name a few.

August looks to be as exciting as the previous three months. The first event we will be hosting in August is the Saskatoon Pie Day on Saturday, August 7, Join the Friends of the Forts from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and enjoy pie, tea and ice cream while you admire the fantastic view of the North Saskatchewan River from our gallery. If you have not yet had a chance to see the new developments at the original fort sites, this would be an excellent opportunity.

We hope to see all of you down at the Forts this August. Mark your calendar now for the Forts des Prairies Jamboree on Sunday, August 29.

Fort George and Buckingham House Interpretive Centre is located 13 km southeast of Elk Point via Secondary Highway 646. We are open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. seven days a week until Labor Day.

Local teens compete at Summer Games

Four local teens took part in the Alberta Summer Games in Okotoks, High River and the MD of Foothills, with three of them bringing home a total of five medals.

Travis Lindquist added another gold medal to his collection with a win in the 17-and-under triple jump. He also brought home a pair of bronze medals from the high jump and long jump competitions.

Sabrina Stewart accepted the silver medal for the 15-and-under high jump, with a successful 155 cm attempt which she says is one notch below her personal best. Sabrina also competes in 300 meter hurdles and javelin, but says "I like high jump best". Sabrina qualified at tryouts in Lamont for her first visit to the Summer Games.

Amy Millar was the bronze medal winner in the 17-and-under triple jump. She suffered a knee injury in the competition, "but with my first jump I won bronze."

Cassy Cochrane, who competed with the Northeast Alberta Bantam Girls baseball team, had a less successful weekend, but still felt the experience was worthwhile. "It was a blast. I met a lot of new people." The northeast team lost all three of their games, to teams from Calgary, Yellowhead and Sunny South, all teams which Cassy says play together throughout the season, while "ours was made up of players from different communities."

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EDITORIAL

We're a tourist destination, too

Last week's announcement that Alberta's five percent hotel tax was being scrapped in favor of a four percent levy which will be used for tourism promotion is a step in the right direction, if, and this is a big if, the funds are used to promote all of the province.

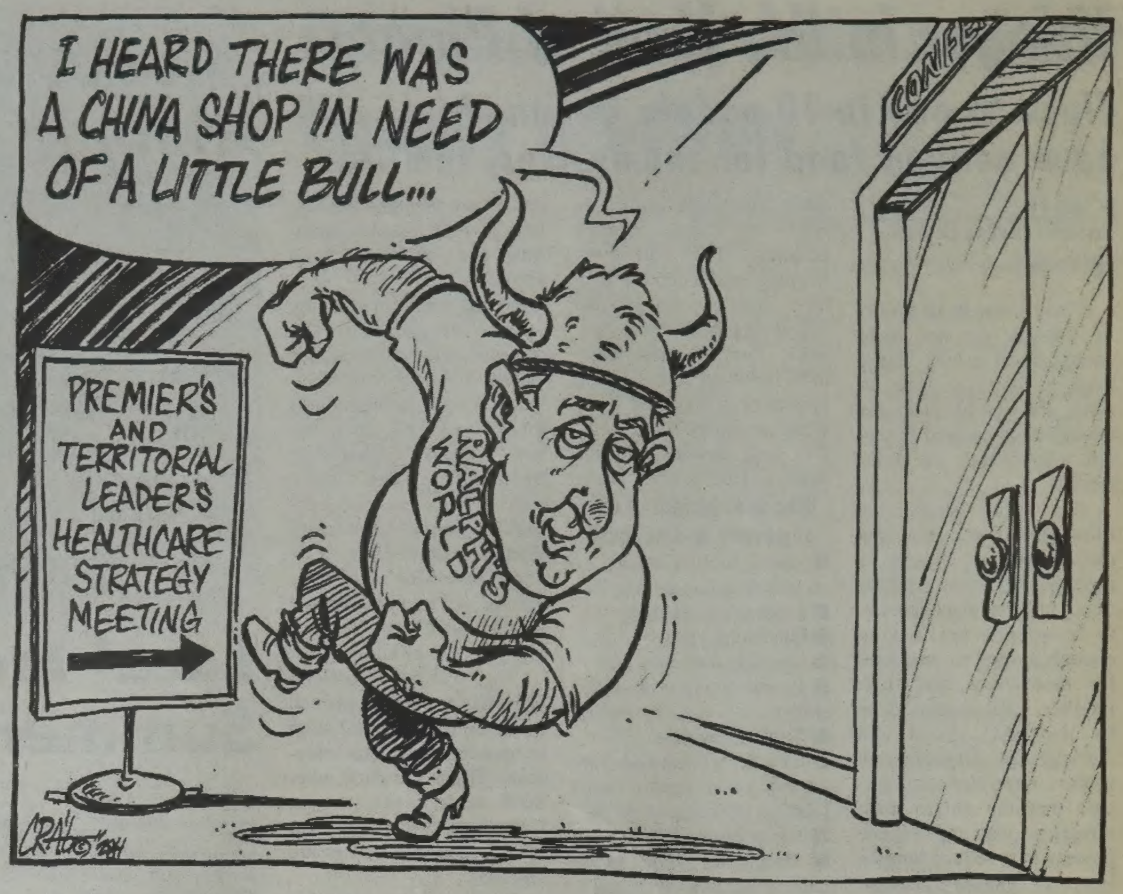
Obviously, the majority of hotels and motels are located in the cities and the mountain parks, but these are not the only areas of the province that need promotion. In fact, they sometimes seem, to those of us who are struggling to promote the rural and natural areas, to get more than their share of promotional press.

There is so much more to Alberta than malls and mountains, but not everyone knows that.

Alberta has a wide and diverse array of attractions to suit the needs of visitors from near and far, and it's important that people who would rather spend their vacations fishing a northern lake, enjoying nature from the vista of a wilderness trail or hiking around a historic site are made aware that these opportunities exist in our province.

Less-populated and less-known areas may not have a wealth of accommodation facilities to bring in this new revenue, but they do have a wealth of attractions, experiences, sites and sights which tourists would enjoy again and again, if they only knew they were there.

Here's hoping these funds will help to get the word out.



VIEWS FROM WAY BACK WHEN

Pollution problems and a fresh new look

FROM THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND LAKELAND REVIEW FILES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3 IN...

1984

Elk Point Surface Rights Association asked the Energy Resources Conservation Board for a public hearing into noise and air pollution which they felt could affect the quality of life in the Elk Point area. Town Council set the date of October 3 for a by-election to fill vacancies resulting from the resignation of councillors Philomena Mackenzie and Gordon McCuaig.

1989

Town Council studied problems with the Town's water treatment process which caused color to appear in the tap water and agreed to hire a consultant to look into the problem. Twenty millimeters of rain provided some relief for area crops which were beginning to show signs of burning from the previous week's high temperatures.

1994

Bagpipes, Métis fiddles and French Canadian spoons accompanied the Clan Days celebration at Fort George and Buckingham House Interpretive Centre, which also included a skit about life in the fur trade. Seniors questioned MLA Paul Langevin about an all-encompassing assistance program for low income seniors, with regionalization of health boards another concern.

1999

Elk Point laid a solid foundation for a fresh new look on the main downtown streets, with traffic disrupted and sidewalks, curbs and gutters under construction. Heinsburg's landmark water tower and CN railway station received official designation as provincial historic resources.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

GUEST COLUMN

Cultural differences make us all special

deanna **EASTHOPE**
from the FCSS desk

We have just experienced the end of the August long weekend holiday and some of you may have gone to Edmonton to take in the cultural events that take place annually at William Hawrelak Park. This event is always so special as there are over 70 different countries that have cultural pavilions. Each cultural pavilion schedules its own half hour stage show. These may have included dancers, musicians, sport demonstrations, fashion shows, storytelling or theatrical performances. It is really a great opportunity to learn about other cultures. When you think about it, all these cultures are a part of Canada. Today these people are Canadian citizens and during the festival time, they are remembering their heritage.

Speaking of becoming Canadian citizens, did you know that on Monday, at 12:00 p.m., the Edmonton Heritage Festival hosted a special ceremony in honor of those candidates ready to take the oath of citizenship and become Canadian citizens? I don't know about you, but I have often wondered about what all is involved for a person to become a Canadian citizen.

After a person has qualified to become a Canadian citizen, you have to pass a test. Under Section I, you have to answer questions about Canada. These include questions about Aboriginal peoples, history, confederation, rights and responsibilities, languages, symbols, geography, economy, federal government, and federal elections. Section II included questions about your region. Once you have passed this test, you are then ready to take the Oath of Citizenship at such an event as that at Hawrelak Park yesterday. The wording of this Oath of Citizenship that a person will repeat after a presiding officer is as follows:

"I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful
And bear true allegiance to Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada,
Her heirs and successors, and that I will faithfully
Observe the laws of Canada
And fulfill my duties as a Canadian citizen."

The oath is simple, basic and to the point. But I think sometimes all of us need to be reminded of just who we are and what our "duties as a Canadian citizen" are, as stated from Citizenship and Immigration Canada. I will quote the following: "All Canadian citizens have the responsibility to vote in elections; help others in the community; care for and protect our heritage and environment; obey Canada's laws; express opinions freely while respecting the rights and freedoms of others; and eliminate discrimination and injustice."

Apparently, a total of 147,920 people were granted Canadian citizenship in 2003, representing a 6% increase over the level recorded in 2002 (139,662). The top four source countries remained unchanged from 2002 (China, India, the Philippines and Pakistan) but Iran moved into the fifth position for 2003. I found these statistics very interesting. What is really happening to Canada is that we have many different cultures coming into our country and our population is increasing. We are who we are and we are all different. At the same time, we are all Canadians. Cultural differences are what make all of us special.

"All Canadian citizens have the responsibility to vote in elections; help others in the community; care for and protect our heritage and environment; obey Canada's laws; express opinions freely while respecting the rights and freedoms of others; and eliminate discrimination and injustice."
- Duties as a Canadian citizen

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Take a break at the lake!

What better way to enjoy a hot summer's day than to head for the lake? For Elk Point and district residents, a lake getaway is right down the road, with a number of great outdoor destinations just a few minutes from home.

Stoney Lake Recreation Area is one of the popular spots for a summer escape, with 26 treed campsites, some of them double and all equipped with 30 amp electricity, firepits and free firewood. A new shower building with flush toilets was added to the park last year, and this spring's addition was a large second playground on the upper level.

A large picnic area offers a bandstand and a gazebo which is available for event rental.

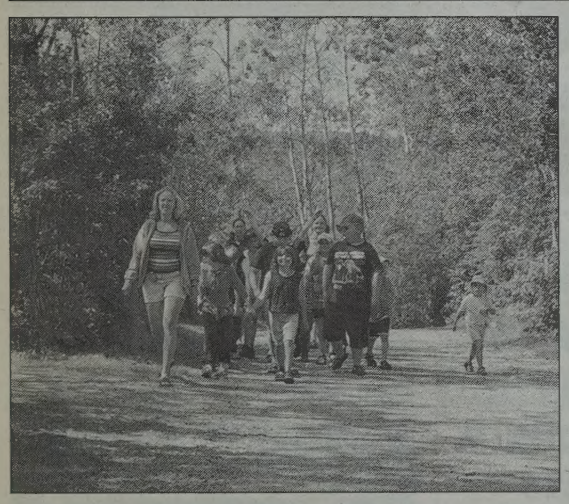
Caretaker Perry Tremblay says the lake's water level is "very good - it's only down a foot or so compared to way more than that in some lakes," which makes it easy to launch boats. The pike are biting for visiting fishermen. Tremblay says the cooler weather this year has kept algae levels down, and "it's still good for swimming. I just went in and it's fine."

The park continues to be very popular and Tremblay recommends reserving a campsite if you plan to visit.

Call the park office at 724-2381 for further information.

If you want to sit, slide, swing or even sing, Stoney Lake Recreation Park has the facilities to fill your needs on a sunny midsummer afternoon. Not only that, there's a whole lake out there for your boating pleasure, filled with plenty of fish to entice anglers.

Photo by Vicki Brooker



It's a nice afternoon for a walk down a shady campground trail. *Photo by Vicki Brooker*

A brand-new playground with a panoramic view of the lake has been completed on the upper level of the Stoney Lake Recreation Area, right beside the new shower building (not shown) which adds to the amenities offered at the popular vacation spot. *Photo by Vicki Brooker*

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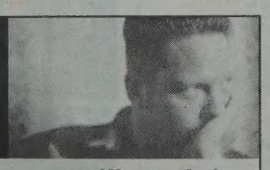

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Local color abounds in area gardens

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Gardens in the Elk Point area are ablaze with color, and bursting with great ideas. Members of the Elk Point Further Ed garden club and their friends have been touring the area in recent weeks to admire the profusion of bloom and to pick up tips for enhancing their own gardens. Many members plan return visits later in the year, when plant divisions and slips will be available for sharing.

Ponds are popular throughout the area, and come in all shapes and sizes. Brenda Maas has incorporated a rock-lined streambed, complete with bridge, to join a water feature to her pond. Her extensive garden includes an ever-changing color scheme featuring easy-care perennials, a triangular gravel area with raised beds spilling an array of clarkia and daisies, interspersed with big pines. A pergola leads to a t-shaped area with bench and another tiny pond, while an otter-topped fountain tinkles gently in a nearby bed of scarlet Maltese Cross.

Rocks are an easy-to-obtain landscaping material in this area, and Leonard Gadowski of the Spring Park area is incorporating truckloads of rock material, from massive boulders to flat rocks in an impressive landscape, with an array of rugged blue-grey specimens set aside for building a rock-sided raised planting area all around his house. Gadowski is a hard-working visionary with play in his plans, once he completes the tee boxes and greens of his own private golf course on the many layers of his hillside location.

Just up the road, Dianne Heathcote, owner of a thriving strawberry and saskatoon u-pick operation, has planted close to a thousand bulbs to form a huge swath of lilies, their bands of brilliant colors forming a virtual rainbow of color across her large garden, which also features a number of other perennial favorites. *(Continued on Page 7)*

Signature touches in local gardens include a blooming cushion of colorful pansies in a quirky twig chair created by Brenda Maas (top left), Dianne Heathcote's vast selection of brightly blooming lilies, (bottom left) and a rock garden studded with wagon wheels and native plants which welcomes visitors to the home of Leonard and Shaina Gadowski (below). *Photos by Vicki Brooker*

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Special touches for special places

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Closer to town, garden club member Ruth Vogel has lined her lawn with wide flower borders, which are slowly filling in as the plants increase in size to provide a colorful frame for a swath of manicured green lawn. A flourishing vine covers the arbor at the entrance to the lawn area.

Faye Smith is another pond owner, with her rock-rimmed pool serving as home for a number of large fish. The pool is the centerpiece the lower portion of her yard, which features a number of shade-loving plants. Fruit bushes line a large vegetable garden and large perennial beds anchor the Smith home to the landscape.

Just down the road, Lucille Smith has packed a multitude of interesting plants into her flower beds, and added touches of garden art that makes the space uniquely her own.

Neighbor Pat Swedgan has just started a brand new garden and was proud to point out how well the plants have grown inside their tidy white picket fence.

Further north, garden club members visited the author's garden and stopped down the road to admire Helen Labrie's bright swath of poppies and bachelor buttons, crossed by a tidy white arch of bridge which leads to a handcrafted log cabin and displays of antique farm machinery.

Each garden reflects the personality of its owner, and shows the creativity which comes to light when a gardener wishes to highlight a plant display.

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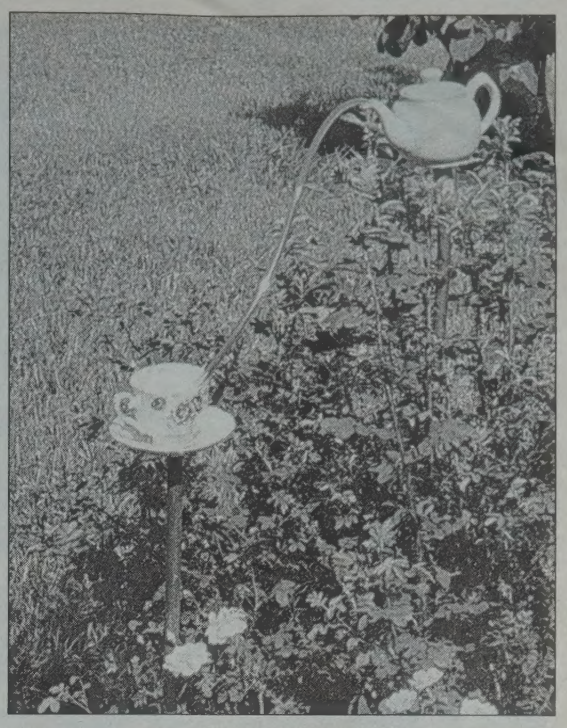

Ruth Vogel's graceful vine-covered arch (below) and teapot, cup-and-saucer ornament are special parts of her yard, while Faye Smith added a flower-planted purse to her back porch rail.

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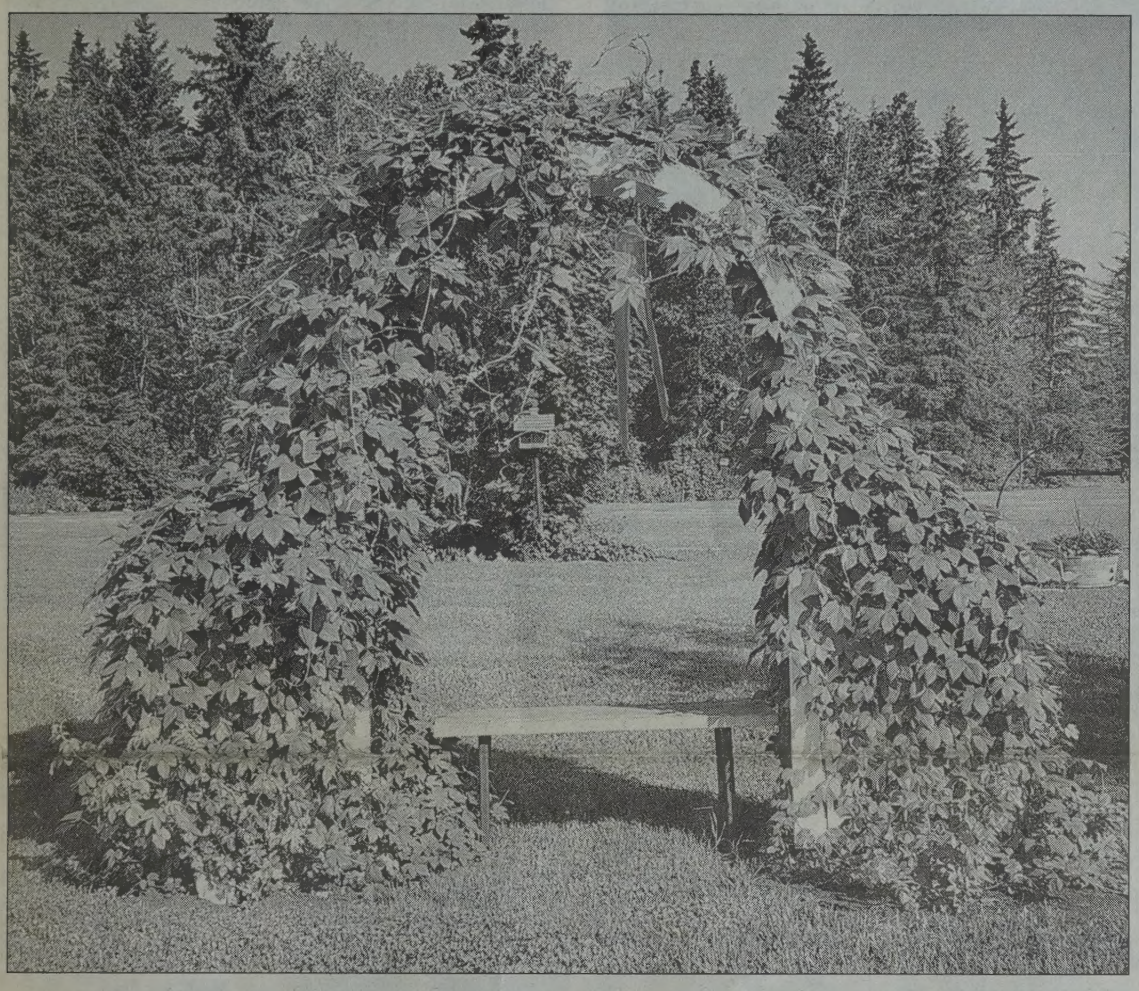

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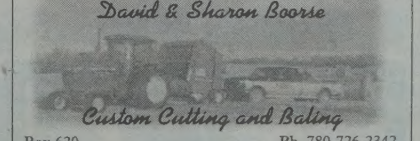

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Faye Smith's pond (top left) is ringed with ribbon grass and other ornamentals, providing a pretty home for several large fish.

Lucille Smith turned a discarded doll into the unique garden ornament (below) snuggled up to a gorgeous geranium.

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The garden club toured other member gardens earlier in the season.

Elk Point Further Education garden club meets throughout the winter and spring to exchange ideas and to learn more about plant raising and landscaping techniques. They share their favorite books and videos, try out garden-related crafts, and hold a yearly plant exchange.

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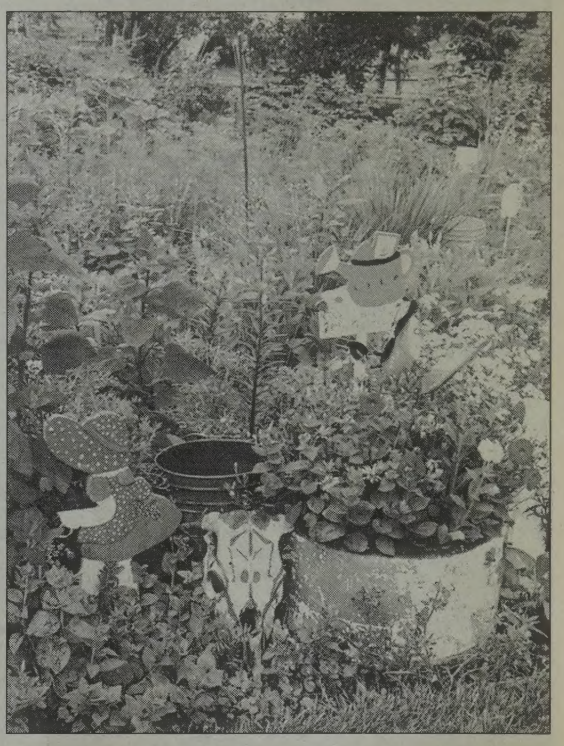

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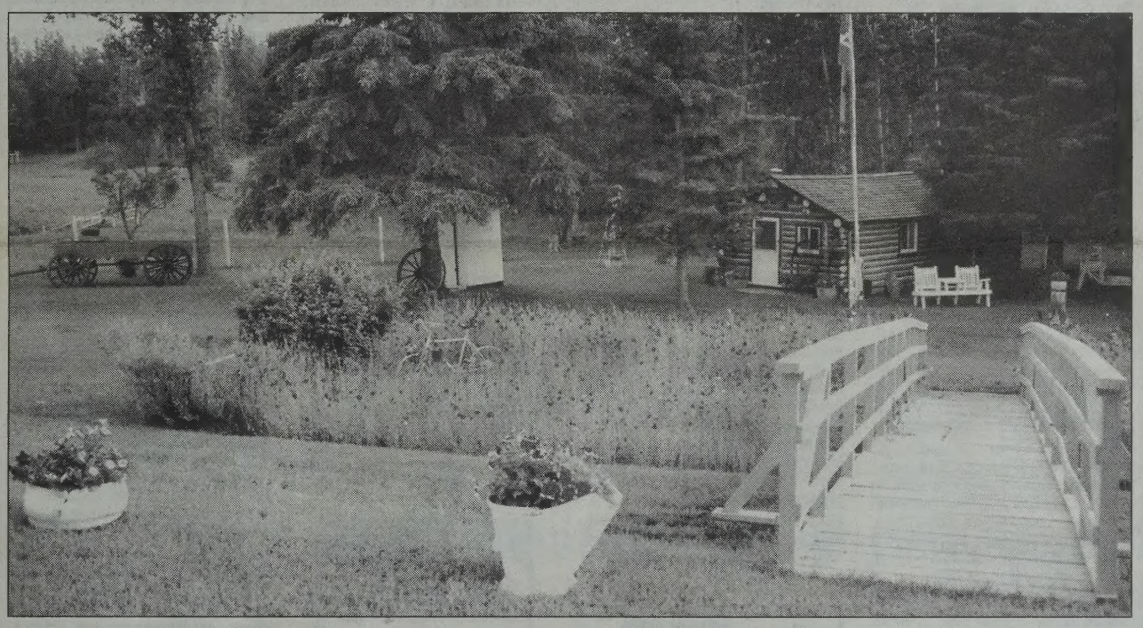

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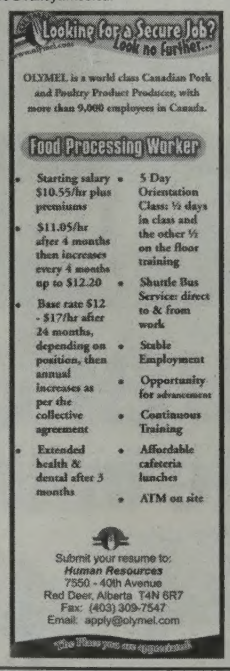

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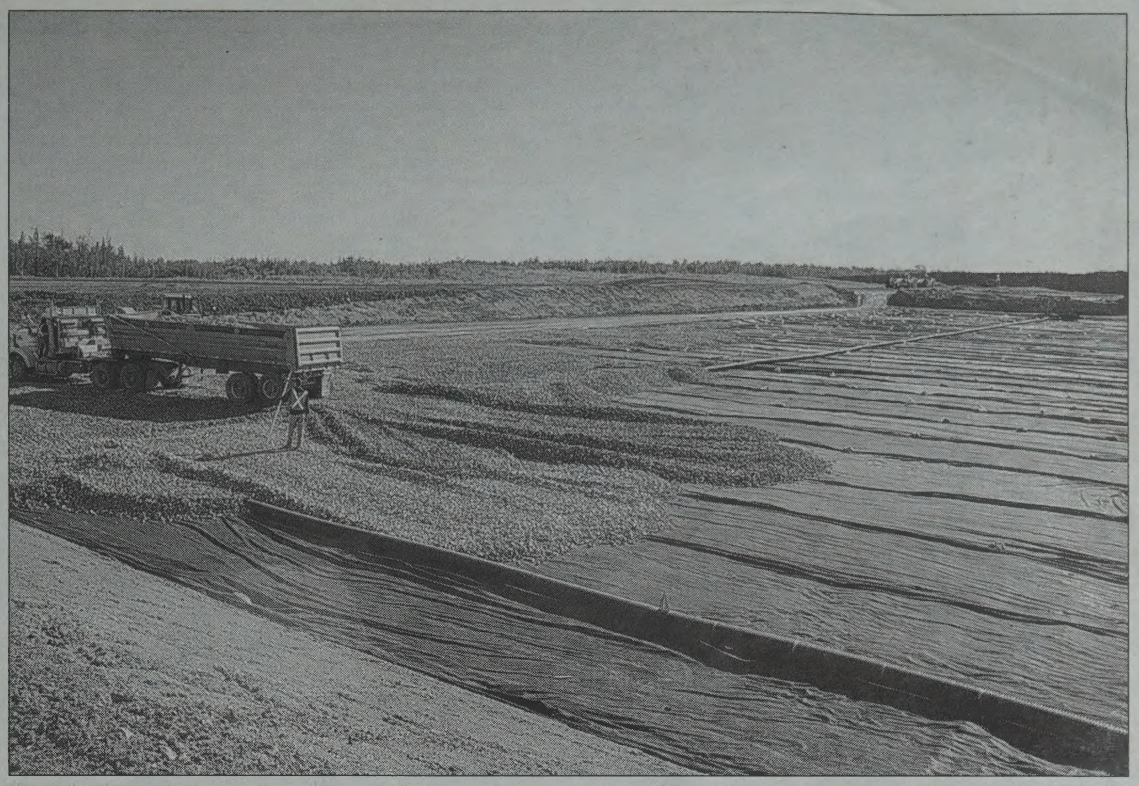

A truck hauls washed rock to the first cell to be constructed at the Evergreen Regional landfill site. The rock, which cost about $85,000, is placed on top of the cell's liner and acts as a filter. The cell will last about four years and has a capacity of 10,000 tonnes, which, when full, will be 70 feet high. Another adjoining five cells will be constructed in the future.

Photo by Michelle Huley

Evergreen regional landfill site construction well underway

By Michelle Huley
St. Paul Journal Staff

The new regional landfill site is coming along well, but one of the partners on the Evergreen Regional Waste Management Commission wants to shelve the project until spring.

"The liner is done. They're putting in the pipes. Within a week-and-a-half the pit should be completed," Reeve Robert Bouchard reported to County of St. Paul councillors last week at the municipality's July 27 meeting. "Building construction is starting in a week or so.

"Everything is going according to plan, except for one thing you guys should be aware of," Bouchard said, adding that the Town of St. Paul has requested the facility not open as planned this fall.

Construction began earlier this summer on the site, which, when completed, will become a regional landfill facility complying with all current environmental regulations.

"We expected once it was complete we would start using it right away," Bouchard said of the $1.8 million facility.

The landfill's life expectancy is about 80 years. It's located on 320 acres of land.

He explained the town is hoping to save money by completely filling its current site prior to reclaiming it.

"We're sending the request to Alberta Environment. We'll see what kind of response we get."

Because the first cell's liner won't be completely covered by garbage prior to winter, it would need protection as well, Bouchard explained, adding that straw could be used.

"We're coming on line at not the best time. The volume may not be big enough before frost sets in."

New livestock plant put in motion

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capacity, remaining cattle would have to be destroyed to minimize strain on the low feed stores. Durkson admitted this is undesirable, but necessary.

"If this is going to continue as an extended time frame, it's a possibility to consider," Durkson said.

Several producers had concerns with the plan. Dave Gaugler said cattle take money to raise, and every week that passes means more lost profit.

"You can't set aside a product that eats and gains," Gaugler said. "It would be cheaper at this point for U.S. to take 20 per cent of our cattle and bury them."

Danyluk was apprehensive to destroying cattle that would be left unprocessed.

"The only way this set-aside program will work is if you fast track some [processing] plants," Danyluk said.

There are currently four major, federally inspected packing plants in Canada, currently running at full capacity. An added plant would allow producers to make some profit from the overcrowded cattle population.

"We're looking in the range of 10,000 head a week that could move through if the capacity existed," Durkson said.

The current situation would require a new plant within about one year. Denis Ducharme, MLA for Bonnyville-Cold Lake constituency, was optimistic that construction could be completed as soon as possible.

"If we put our minds to it, we can get something done in a damn hurry," Ducharme said.

Producer Mike Richter moved that the ABP and provincial government help facilitate and build a new killing and processing plant. Ducharme amended that the Canadian government be involved as well, in order to get past regulations and fast track the project. Both the motion and amendment were passed unanimously, which backed-up Durkson's beliefs.

"I think that's an excellent picture in what needs to be done for this industry," Durkson said.

Durkson and the ABP directors held their board meeting the day after. Marvin Conrad, director for zone 8, admitted it was a long, challenging meeting, but the motion was discussed at length and plans for government talks are in motion.

"Certainly there's going to be an effort to meet with the government directly, and talk to them about that meeting and others," Conrad said. "Everybody involved realizes that time is of the essence."

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